

## **MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE**

**Thursday, November 8, 2007**

**10:30 A.M**

**Room 519 House Office Building**

**Chairman Virgil Smith** called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Virgil Smith, Farrah, Constan, Johnson, Lemmons, Polidori, Scott, Simpson, Hune, Emmons, Hildenbrand, David Law, Moore, Rocca, Gaffney. (15/17)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Reps. Condino, Wojno. (2/17)

**Representative Hune** moved to adopt the minutes of the October 17, 2007 meeting. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

**Chairman Virgil Smith** laid **HB 5250** before the committee.

HB 5250   Scott                      Insurance; essential; essentials insurance act; enact.

**Representative Bettie Cook Scott**, sponsor of HB 5250, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

**Jerome Reide** of the NAACP testified in support of the bill. Mr. Reid also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

**Senator Martha Scott** testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

**Eric Moore** of Redemption Ministries testified in support of the bill. Reverend Moore also submitted written testimony.

**Louis Pettiway** of Dearborn Heights testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

**Clement Lett** of Detroit wished to testify in support of the bill, but was unable due to time constraints.

**Brian Sydnor** and **Fran Wallace** of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services wished to testify on a neutral position on the bill, but were unable due to time constraints.

**Peter Kuhnmuensch** of the Insurance Institute of Michigan wished to testify in opposition to the bill, but was unable due to time constraints. Mr. Kuhnmuensch also submitted written testimony.

The following individuals submitted cards in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to testify:

**Bill Cilluffo** of AAA Michigan.

**Scott Hummel** of the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents.

**Jim Miller** of the Michigan Insurance Coalition.

**Rob Anderson** of Farm Bureau Insurance.

**Amy Shalley** of State Farm Insurance.

**George Carr** of Property and Casualty Insurance Association of America.

Representative Polidori moved to excuse the absence of Representatives Condino and Wojno. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Virgil Smith** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 12:00 p.m.

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Representative Virgil Smith, Chair

Dan Stump, Acting Committee Clerk (517) 373-5795